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TO: John Baza, Director

THROUGH: Dana Dean, PE, Associate Director of Mining

FROM: Paul Baker, Minerals Program Manager 

Subject: Reduction of Surety, TME Asphalt Ridge LLC, TME Asphalt Ridge LLC #1 Mine, M/047/0089, Uintah County, Utah

The attached letter would authorize reduction in the reclamation surety for the TME Asphalt Ridge LLC #1 mine from \$1,151,713.00 to \$275,000.00. The operator has disturbed about 22 acres of land, and the Division has approved a reclamation cost estimate for this area showing it would cost about \$275,000.00 to reclaim the area currently disturbed.

The original cost estimate was for an area of 192 acres. While the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations has not been changed, the Division has made it clear, and will reiterate, that no expansion of the operations is permitted without an adjustment to the surety.

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